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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2981

INFO AMCONSUL BRISBANE

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UNCLAS CANBERRA 2164

FOR INTERIOR, BSFW

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SENV, TGEN, AS

SUBJ: SMITH-SKOOG VISIT ON KANGAROO CONSERVATION

REF: STATE 068014

1. EMBASSY WELCOMES VISIT OF MR. AND MRS. SMITH AND DR. SKOOG AND HAS MADE APRIL 20-22 RESERVATIONS AT CANBERRA REX HOTEL. COST PER NIGHT: ADOLS 24:00 (APPROXIMATELY USDOLS 35.76) FOR SMITHS DOUBLE AND ADOLS 19.00 (USDOLS 28.31) FOR SKOOG'S SINGLE.

2. REFTTEL PASSED TO DR. ROBERT BODEN, DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION (DEC), WHO EXPRESSED PLEASURE WITH VISIT SCHEDULE. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THE POLITICAL SITUATION HAS ALTERED DRASTICALLY IN LAST FEW DAYS AND GENERAL ELECTIONS NOW APPEAR CERTAIN FOR MAY 18. KANGAROO CONSERVATION PROMISES TO BE ONE OF SEVERAL HOTLY DEBATED  
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STATE VS. FEDERAL ISSUES, SINCE THREE NON-LABOR STATE

GOVERNMENTS (N.S.W., QLD. AND W.A.) CONTINUE TO CALL FOR REMOVAL FEDERAL BAN ON COMMERCIAL EXPORTS OF KANGAROO PRODUCTS WHILE GOA INSISTS BAN WILL NOT BE MODIFIED UNTIL EFFECTIVE STATE STOCK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS ARE ACTUALLY IMPLEMENTED TO RECONCILE "HARVESTING" WITH CONSERVATION. BODEN AND E&C MINISTER CASS ARE CONCERNED THAT PRESS MAY TRY TO DRAW SMITH-SKOOG VISIT INTO THIS DEBATE. SO IS THE EMBASSY.

3. BODEN HAS ASKED IF VISIT IS IN RESPONSE TO GOA INVITATION FOR INTERIOR TO SEND KANGAROO EXPERTS WHICH HE SAYS THEN-AUST. AMBASSADOR PLIMSOLL EXTENDED TO SCHRIENER ON FEBRUARY 28, 1973 AND NOT REPEAT NOT IN RESPONSE TO INVITATION EXTENDED BY N.S.W. LANDS MINISTER LEWIS DURING LEWIS'S MARCH 1973 WASHINGTON VISIT. WE HAVE REPLIED THAT WE UNDERSTAND VISIT RESPONDS TO PLIMSOLL INVITATION AND THAT SMITH AND SKOOG WILL SO STATE IF ASKED BY PRESS. HOWEVER, WE HAVE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT, SINCE VISIT IS TO GATHER ALL NECESSARY FACTS TO MAKE FAIR DECISION ON LISTING LARGE KANGAROOS, VISITORS WILL SAY, IF ASKED, THAT THEY ARE LIKEWISE RESPONDING TO LEWIS INVITATION. WE HAVE ASSURED BODEN VISITORS WILL AVOID PUBLIC STATEMENTS FAVORING EITHER STATE OR FEDERAL VIEWS.

4. APRIL 20 ARRIVAL UNFORTUNATELY CONFLICTS WITH CANBERRA VISIT OF TREASURY SECRETARY SHULTZ AND LARGE PARTY. EMBASSY SCIENCE LIAISON OFFICER (ROBERT MONTGOMERY) HOPES TO MEET SMITHS AND SKOOG IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. IF NOT POSSIBLE, EMBASSY WILL CONTACT VISITORS AT CANBERRA REX LATER IN DAY. BODEN UNABLE TO MEET. DUE TO MARKED SENSITIVITY OF KANGAROO CONSERVATION ISSUE EMBASSY WELCOMES PLAN OF SMITH AND SKOOG TO CONFER WITH EMBASSY ON ARRIVAL. APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED AT EMBASSY FOR 9:30 A.M. APRIL 22.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE ARRIVAL TIME AND FLIGHT NUMBER.  
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